

TURNING POINT OF CAMPAIGN

Capture of Heights Means Precipitate Retreat for the Huns

PRISONERS COMPLAIN OF HUNGER

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 2.—Fighting of the most bitter nature marked the American advance Thursday east and southeast of Serre according to Reuters' correspondent on the American front. The Germans had guns concealed cleverly in ripening grain at Bellevue farm, their strong point. The two-hundredth Jaeger division and the two hundred and sixteenth, brought from Kemmel, opposed the Americans. Prisoners, when asked why the Americans beat them, replied: "The Americans have good food in their stomachs, while the Germans have only poor stuff no one could fight on." Some declared that they had been ordered to hold the line at all costs. They seemed to believe there was no lack of troops behind them.

LIBERTY BONDS NOW SELL AT PAR

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Liberty 3 1/2 per cent bonds, which are exempt from taxation, sold at par on the stock exchange for the first time this year. Steady buying by financial interests has been noticeable recently.

WHIPPED HUNS ARE RETIRING

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 2.—The whole American line moved forward almost unopposed while the armies along the flank from Soissons to Rheims pressed against the sides of the German salient. The Americans in open order plowed through rain soaked fields for almost a mile. Indications are that the Germans won't make a stand until they reach the watershed north of Nesles forest.

JUMPS TO DEATH FROM AIRPLANE

(By Associated Press) DALLAS, Aug. 2.—Lieutenant Birtwell, of Red Bluff, Cal., was killed when he jumped from a flaming airplane at a height of 500 feet, which caught fire in a flight across country.

GENERAL RETIREMENT OF GERMANS FOLLOWED BY BIG CONFLAGRATIONS

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 2.—The British penetrated to a maximum depth of three miles in an attack on a five-mile front yesterday on the westerly side of the Marne salient, according to dispatches, and captured the ridge forming the watershed between the Ourcq and Aisne. Meunier wood, west of Goussancourt, about the center of the salient, also was taken. The situation is considered extraordinarily good. Advances describe this to be the turning point of the summer campaign and possibly the whole war. Capture of the heights on the westerly side of the line means that the Germans will be unable to retire leisurely and probably will have to withdraw behind the Vesle.

AMERICANS MAKE APT STUDENTS IN NEW WARFARE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—American forces in France have become so proficient in the new warfare that they will furnish instructors for new units organized in the United States. No additional allied instructors will be required except possibly in special technical cases. The department has ordered a number of officers back from France to command brigades in the twelve new divisions, the formation of which General March announced recently. It is considered likely that regiments from the first American contingents will be returned to serve as a nucleus of the new divisions as General March announced that each will be built around two veteran infantry regiments.

ALLIES GO TO SIBERIA AS A BODY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Joint allied action in Siberia is assured. Japan found that acceptance of the American proposal was intended primarily to aid the Czech-Slovaks now operating in Siberia. An agreement was reached after exchanges between Tokio and Washington which clarified all doubtful points and removed possibility of future misunderstanding. The allies will inaugurate a plan of operation immediately. The president visited the state war and navy building soon after he learned of Japan's acceptance. He conferred half an hour with Secretary Baker and Acting Secretary Polk. Later the president held a five-minute serious conversation with Polk in the corridor before he returned to the White House. Last week intimations were given in official quarters that the president soon will issue a statement explaining the plans of the United States for participation in an expedition to give Russia military aid. When Japan asked the state department to explain some features of the American proposal the statement was withheld. Presumably, now that a satisfactory understanding is reached, a statement will be issued. Meanwhile the official desire is for the press not to speculate relative to the character of the intervention.

KAISER STILL CLAIMS GOD FOR HIS PARTNER

(By Associated Press) AMSTERDAM, Aug. 2.—The Kaiser's proclamation to the German people said: "Four years of hard struggle have passed full of eternally memorable deeds. The example has been given for all time what people can do that stands in the field for the most just cause and for the maintenance of its existence. Gratefully revering the Divine hand which has been graciously extended over Germany, we may proudly say we were 'found not unworthy' in the tremendous task which Providence has placed us."

QUICKNESS OF THOUGHT NECESSARY TO AIRMAN

(By Associated Press) BRITISH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 2.—Brains and quickness of thought are as necessary to the airman as pluck, endurance and physical skill in aerial maneuvers. The English pilot of a single-seater fighter of the latest type, while cruising well over the German lines the other day, saw below him three slow, old-fashioned enemy machines flying steadily westward, as though to cross the lines into British territory. Unfortunately, the Germans were too far off to be attacked successfully, and the British pilot figured that if they realized his presence they would fly for home and safety long before he could get within range. He therefore flew up into the clouds and then turned in the direction in which the enemy machines were moving. Judging his time, he pushed the nose of his machine downward, dived out of the clouds to the Germans' beneath, and, when close enough to be fairly sure of his mark, pressed the trigger of his gun. A stream of lead played about the German machines. None of them returned his fire. Once before the pilot had heard of a similar occurrence. This flashed through his mind, and pulling back the control lever, he soared up again into the clouds. He was only just in time, for as he vanished into the vapor three enemy scouts appeared. The slow machines were the bait and

GERMAN CENTER IS IN JEOPARDY

(By Associated Press) ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Aug. 2.—The allied forces have encircled the important town of Ville en Tardenois. The French are continuing to advance and have taken additional towns and villages between Rheims and Soissons, the enemy resisting desperately and losing prisoners. Noon.—The battle north of the Marne has become almost a general retirement of the enemy north of the Ourcq. The battlefield is dotted with conflagrations the Germans started. The allies, near Villers Agron, captured a wood less than a mile from Romigny and attained positions three-fifths of a mile north of Ville en Tardenois. They also occupied the height north of Romigny.

AMERICANS MAKE FRENCH GENERAL PRAISES YANKEES FOR THEIR VALOR

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—General Duport in bidding farewell to the Rainbow division before he departed from Lorraine for the Aisne-Marne front paid a tribute to the valor and fighting efficiency of the Americans who were attached to the French sixth army corps until the middle of June. It is learned that General MacArthur, who won promotion to brigadier through brilliant work in organizing the division, has been ordered to Camp Meade to command a brigade in a new division.

YANKEE MIDGET OUTWITS A GIANT

(By Associated Press) BASEL, Switzerland, Aug. 2.—Revolt against the Bolshevik government has begun in Turkestan, according to Ukrainian sources.

TURKESTAN RISES AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

(By Associated Press) INITIATIVE MEASURES GOING ON THE BALLOT

AMERICAN PEERESS CANDIDATE IN LONDON

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuela Vanderbilt, has been accepted as a progressive candidate for North South-west division of the London county council.

BACKING TO THE VESLE

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Aug. 2.—French troops continued last night to push back the Germans farther toward the Vesle.

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12 noon	79 87
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Relative humidity at noon	
Today, 36 per cent.	

PERSHING EXPLAINS DELAYED CASUALTIES

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—General Pershing has cabled Secretary Baker that difficulties of communication and the fact that Americans are brigaded with British and French are delaying forwarding lists of American casualties in the present offensive. The German was about to bayonet the American when the American grabbed a grenade from his belt, loosened the safety catch, and thrust the grenade in the German's pocket. Not much was left of the German.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK IN COLLISION

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The American steamship Poseidon, formerly a Dutch ship, was sunk in collision Wednesday with an American tanker off the Atlantic coast. Five of the crew are missing. The captain died of exposure.

CASUALTY LIST

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Army: Killed in action, 42, including Private Richardson of San Francisco; died of wounds, 48; died of disease, 7; died of accident or other causes, 7; wounded severely, 126, including Corporal Beyer, of Los Angeles, and Private Dilporto, of San Francisco; wounded to a degree undetermined, 2; missing, 6.

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